

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION
JOINT BIOMEDICAL LABORATORY/CLINICAL SCIENCE RESEARCH AND
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

**MINUTES OF THE FALL 2006 MEETING OF THE MERIT REVIEW
SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THE CLINICAL RESEARCH PROGRAM**

The teleconference began at 12:00 noon and concluded at 1:30 p.m. on December 4, 2006. The meeting was held at VA Central Office in Room 915 at 1722 Eye Street, NW, Washington, DC. The Chairperson, Steven Goldman, M.D., presided throughout the meeting.

PARTICIPANTS

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VACO STAFF PRESENT

LeRoy Frey, Ph.D., Chief, Program Review, Research and Development
Theresa Gleason, Ph.D., Portfolio Manager, Merit Review Subcommittee for the
Clinical Research Program, Research and Development
Harlande Lanspery, Program Assistant, Research and Development

The minutes of the last meeting of the Subcommittee were read and approved.

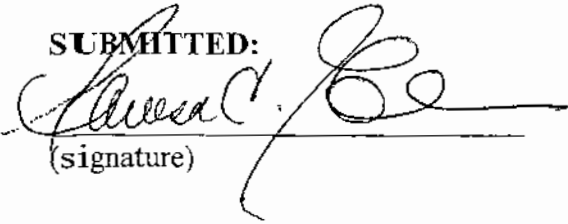
Dr. Gleason welcomed the Subcommittee members and thanked them for their help and cooperation. She emphasized the importance of detailed Summary Statements with emphasis on significance, approach, and feasibility. Dr. Gleason reminded the Subcommittee of the scoring guidelines and stressed that these categories should be used.

The date of May 14, 2007, was established for the Spring 2007 meeting.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to the review of 12 Merit Review Programs. Four proposals were deemed not competitive and were not discussed or scored.

Full details of all Subcommittee actions are contained in the Summary Statements prepared by the Subcommittee. Subcommittee members were informed that the proceedings and recommendations pertaining to the merit review of component research programs are considered to be privileged information.

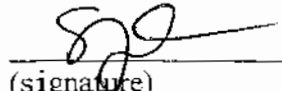
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Portfolio Manager

February 8 2007
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STEVEN GOLDMAN, M.D.
Chairperson

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